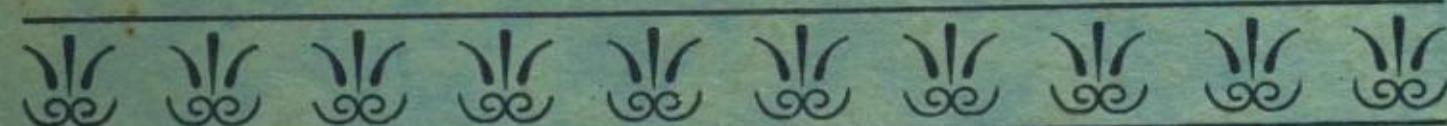


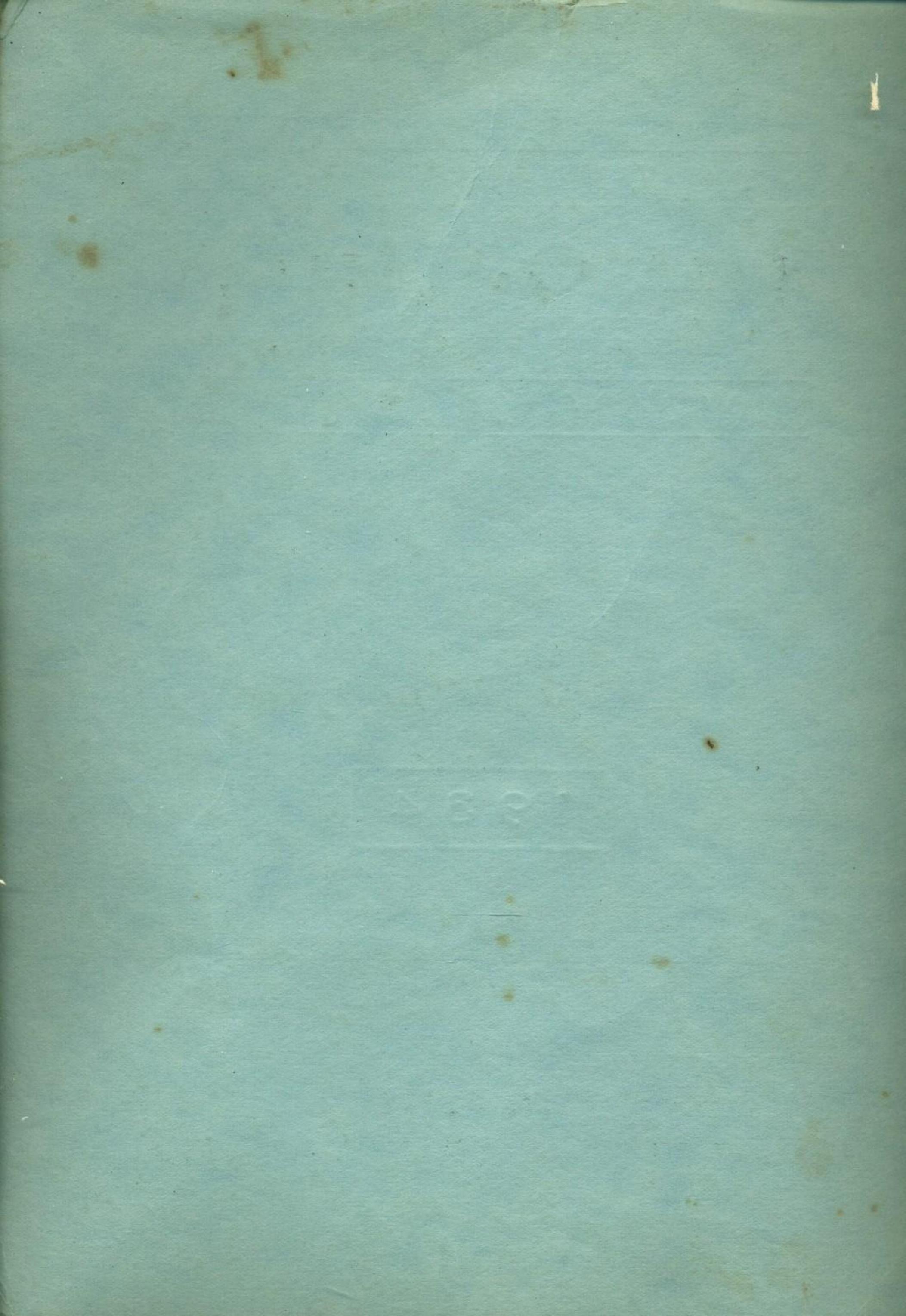


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The Tenth Anniversary of the OPTIMIST AN-
NUAL. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as
we enjoy publishing it.



To
J. Cline Slack

In deepest appreciation of his generous inclination, his just rule, his ever kind wishes and encouragement, and of his thoughtfulness and consideration for our welfare, we, the Senior Class of 1934, dedicate this Annual.



TOWNSEND HIGH SCHOOL—A TOAST

Rooted in the nourishing soil of an enlightened community; like some sturdy flowering tree, year after year its blossoms unfold to find maturity and like these petals scattered by the winds of Spring, the ideals and accomplishments of old Townsend High have been borne by its alumni to grace many and varied places.

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CLINTON C. TAYLOR

Superintendent

Mr. Taylor graduated from Otterbein College in 1929 with an A. B. degree. He teaches Biological Science and History.



J. CLINE SLACK

Principal

Mr. Slack is a graduate of Rio Grande College of the Class of 1930. He received an A. B. degree. He is our instructor in Mathematics and coaches athletics.



DOROTHY FRY

Asst. Principal

Miss Fry graduated from Ohio State University in 1930. She holds a B. Sc. degree. She instructs us in Latin and English.



EDITH D. GARDNER

Mrs. Gardner attended Kent State Normal, Ashland College, and Wooster College. She has an Ohio State Life Certificate. She is teacher of the Seventh and Eighth Grades.



ILO LUCAL

Miss Lucal attended Bowling Green State Normal. She teaches the Third and Fourth Grades.



MRS. ADA ROSS

Mrs. Ross has been instructor of the First and Second Grade pupils for a number of years. She has attended Kent State Normal, Wooster College and Athens Normal. Likewise, she has received an Ohio State Life Certificate.



ODAH P. MOLL

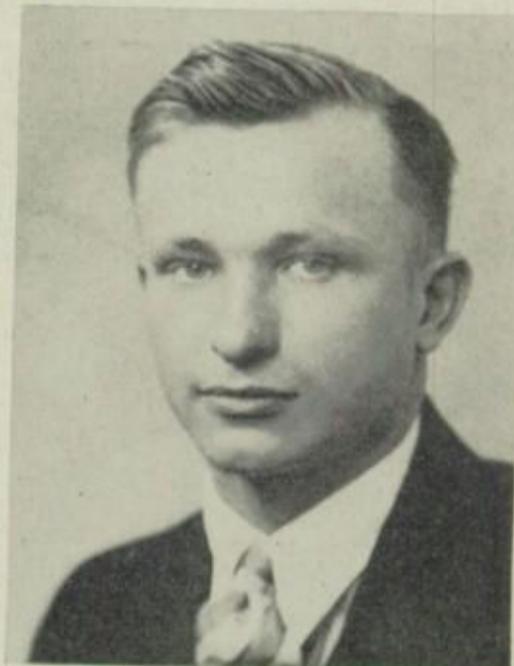
Miss Moll has attended Huron County Normal, Bowling Green Normal, and Kent State Normal. She was granted an Ohio State Life Certificate. She is Fifth and Sixth Grade instructor.



CRYSTAL KUHLMAN—"CRIS"

"She looks as dear, as morning roses newly washed in dew."

Crystal was well known for her jollity and cheerful disposition. She was a regular member of the Athletic Association for four years, and served on the Optimist Staff for three years. When a Sophomore she was the Girls Sports Editor, when a Junior she was the Joke Editor, and in her Senior year, she was the Class Editor, Social Chairman and President of the Dramatic Club.



JOSEPH LANDOLL—"JOE"

"Most wise, most learned, most everything."

Joe, as a great athlete has made his class outstanding. His alertness in basketball has run up many a score. He played on the basketball team for four years, and the baseball team for three years. He was a member of the Athletic Association for four years, and also of the Optimist Staff.



IRENE PHEIFER—"PI"

*"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eyes,
In every gesture, dignity and love."*

Irene has been a faithful and energetic member of the class all through High School. She served one year on the Optimist Staff, was the joke editor in her Senior year and belonged to the Athletic Association for three years. She also took part in the Junior and Senior plays.



MARVIN TERPENING—"MARV"

"You are a man of honor and we can trust you."

Entering the class as a Junior, Marvin has been a helpful member of his class, having been chosen as Vice President for the last two years. As a member of the Optimist Staff, he was Sport Editor when a Junior, and this year, Advertising Manager. For two years Marvin has been an Athletic Association member. He was also active in sports and will be missed by the basketball and baseball teams.



NORMA LEHNERT—"NORM"

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."

For four years Norma has served on the Optimist Staff. When a Freshman she was Class Editor, News Reporter as a Sophomore, Associate Editor in her Junior year, and this year, Literary Editor. She has been a three year member of the Athletic Association and captain of the girls baseball team one year. Through her entire High School career she has proved herself efficient.



CURTIS LUCAL—"CURTIE"

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

Curtiss has been popular as an athlete and is considered the humorist of the class. In his Junior year he was the President of the Athletic Association and played on the Basketball and Baseball teams for four years.



MARTHA MEYERS—"MART"

"A very gentle being and of good conscience."

Martha has proved herself efficient in helping to put across the Optimist by serving on the staff for two years. In her Junior year, she was the editor for her class, while as a Senior, she capably filled the Circulation Manager's position. Martha has been a member of the Athletic Association for three years and has been an ambitious student.



PAUL WEISENBERGER—"HAM"

*"I dare do all that may become a man,
Who dares do more is none."*

Paul has supplied a good share of the fun for the Senior class and has been one of the leading men on both the Baseball and Basketball teams. He has been a four year member of the Athletic Association and has taken part in Athletics for four years. Paul has helped in supporting the Optimist by acting as Advertising Manager in his Senior year.



MAYME ELMER—"MAYME"
"An inborn grace that nothing lacked of culture or refinement."

An enthusiastic and diligent member of the class was Mayme, as shown by her remarkable records and positions held during her High School career. As a Freshman and Senior she was class President and this year Editor-in-Chief of the Optimist. She also was a three year member of the Athletic Association. She was awarded for her efforts in oratory during her Senior year.



IRA JUMP—"JUMP"

"The better part of valor is discretion."

Ira was known by those "long shots" on a basketball floor, and has been important to both the baseball and basketball teams for four years. He belonged to the Athletic Association four years, acted as Sport Editor for the Optimist, and during his Senior year was Secretary of the class. Ira's interest and willingness to help in school activities has been appreciated.



MARGUERITE SHIPLEY—"MAGGIE"

"Her heart as far from fraud, as heaven from earth."

Marguerite has been a steady friend of the class from the beginning. She was well liked by everyone and has a winning personality. She was a member of the Athletic Association one year and also took part in the Senior play.



PAUL PLUE—"SAM"

"His failings leaned to virtue's side."

Paul has been a member of his class for twelve years. He has always been ready to help with school activities. A member of the Athletic Association for four years, he was also a player on the basketball team; usually guard. Being interested in Sports, he played second base on the baseball team four years and has acted parts in both Junior and Senior plays.



JEANNE BELLAMY—"JEANNE"

*"There is a soft and pensive grace,
A cast of thought upon her face."*

Jeanne is another active member of the class. She excelled in History and Science. She has taken part in all school activities, including three High School plays. She faithfully worked in the library for the last three years. Jeanne has represented her class in several subjects at Scholarship Contests and has established a good scholastic record for herself during her High School life.



GEORGE SHERWOOD—"CHICK"

"Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep."

George was the quiet, serene boy of the class. He was a member of the Athletic Association for two years, played Baseball two years, and was the President of the class in his Sophomore year.



CARRIE NIELSEN—"SIS"

"In each cheek, appears a pretty dimple."

Carrie was a very popular girl during her High School years. She was an active member of the Athletic Association for four years, and was on the Optimist Staff three years. In her Freshman and Senior years she was class treasurer, in her Junior year class president. She was also secretary and treasurer of the Athletic Association, Business Manager of the Optimist, and Manager of the hiking group in her Senior year.



RAYMOND PHEIFER—"RAY"

*"There's nothing half so sweet in life,
As Love's Young Dream."*

Raymond acted as the muscular power for his class during his High School years. He belonged to the Athletic Association for four years. He played center for a half year of his two years spent in Basketball activities. He was on the baseball team for two years, and a member of the Optimist staff one year.



CLASS PROPHECY

It was the spring of 1934 and the country was covered with trees just budding with blossoms.

Oh, but I was sleepy and the hammock and the shade looked so inviting. Nothing like a good nap.

Z-z-z-z-z-z-z.

What's that? It looks like a mammoth zeppelin hovering among the clouds. I can't see it very plainly because the taxi I'm riding in has just entered a long underground tunnel. I order the driver to go faster. At last we reach the business section of town again. It is a zeppelin and it must be the world's largest which has just completed a tour around the world. I had read about its return yesterday and my curiosity was aroused as I ordered the cab driver to go to the flying field.

It was rather hard to reach the zeppelin because of the cheering crowd. At last a young lady, dressed in an aviator's outfit hailed me. Was it Cris? It couldn't be. But lo; it was, and who do you suppose was with her? He was dressed in some sort of uniform. Finally I came to my senses and recognized Capt. Jump, captain of the zeppelin "Silvery Blue" (true to our class colors).

After the usual greetings we all had dinner together and while talking of the class of '34 we exchanged bits of news. Ira told us that when he had stopped in Switzerland he had met Jeanne Bellamy where she was

gathering material for her next novel.

Cris told us about a surprise meeting she had had in France. It seems while she had been studying aviation there she had met Marv Terpening. He had been sent there on some secret mission and detective work.

I was glad to add my find to the party by informing them of Norma Lehnert's whereabouts. She had just received the position of Professor of English at Yale.

The evening closed by promising to meet again soon.

The next morning I spent in shopping. It seemed that these were my lucky days, for when I walked into a large department store I was confronted by a very athletic and courteous clerk. At a closer glance it turned out to be Marguerite Shipley, another member of our class.

From her I learned that her cousin, Paul Plue, was successfully operating one of the largest farms in Northeastern United States.

Upon returning to the streets I heard the paper boys' loud cries "Extra! Extra! Read All About the Bank Robbery! Bandits Caught!" Being curious I purchased a copy. It happened to be the same kind of a bank robbery that had been going on for years, but what interested me most was to read that the president of the bank was Curtiss Lucal and if it had not been for the excellent and

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CLASS HISTORY

Over and over we live them again,
 Those glad happy school days so long, long ago;
 The old yellow school house with its little red seats,
 Where we all used to sit, so prim, yet so meek.
 Oh fond recollections, we ask thee to tarry,
 Be a guest in our midst,
 Be merry with us
 While I turn backward life's pages to those days we all loved.

What a queer but picturesque "little gang of seventeen" we must have been as we trod up the well worn path, twelve years hence, to enter those doors, within which we were to learn our first lessons which were to start us out on our great career.

On this first but never-to-be-forgotten day we were met at the door by our first instructor, Mrs. Ross, who certainly had her hands full entertaining us little tots, many of whom, no doubt, had mother's last words ringing in their ears and were ready to burst into tears at the slightest provocation.

As we advanced through the grades a few dropped out or moved away, but fortunately others joined us to compensate for the loss.

During our eighth year "our gang" had increased to twenty-one.

As Freshmen we entered the so-called "greenhouse" in the autumn of 1930 and were accepted as targets for the jokes of the upper classmen.

We now numbered twenty-four, Robert Clark, Karl Hedrick, Beulah Hoyt and Calvin Yeager being the new additions.

In returning to school the next year to our dismay we discovered our class gradually diminishing for we had had only eighteen left. Mary Eva Arnold, Robert Clark, Karl Hedrick, Beulah Hayt, Stella Knoll and Calvin Yeager had deserted us, but we were glad to welcome back an old friend, Mildred Twitchell, who had just returned from Florida.

Now for our Junior year!

We must have saved our bags of tricks for this year. Anyway, we were nicknamed "The Lawless Band of Rascals." Naturally, we then lived up to our name.

During this year Robert Jarrett, Francis Roraback and Mildred Twitchell left us and Marvin Terpening of Cleveland enrolled as a new member.

We started our last year at old T.H.S. with sixteen members, eight girls and eight boys.

We end the year with the largest class ever to graduate from Townsend High School.

Our faithful and untiring teachers who have guided our steps in our determination to obtain Knowledge these past four years are Miss Clark, Miss Fry, Mr. J. C. Slack and Mr. C. C. Taylor.

As Seniors, we bid farewell to our happy high school days and turn our thoughts and steps to what the future holds in store for us.



HIGH SCHOOL

On September 11, 1933, the old school bell tolled the beginning of another year. At the opening of this school year, the high school enrollment, totalling 62, was the largest in several years.

As we look back over these few months of school, we are reminded of the activities in which we participated. Those who took part in the Scholarship tests at Norwalk made a remarkable showing. The baseball and basketball boys are to be commended for their

real spirit of sportsmanship and cooperation. A new feature was the organizing of three clubs, namely, The Dramatics, Physical Science, and Natural Science.

Townsend High School has been a boon to its students for they have been taught the virtues of success, cooperation and stick-to-it-iveness. The students have taken much interest in their work this year, and we hope this year will be marked down in the annals of Townsend High School as one in which many accomplishments have been achieved.



SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

The school year of 1933-34 has held many things of interest for the fifty boys and girls of the Seventh and Eighth Grades. Geography, particularly has held new meaning for us since we have followed each week the progress of Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition. The radio broadcasts each Saturday night have brought into our homes the voices of these men at the "bottom of the world." Two scrap books, maps, lapel buttons and a magazine called the South Pole News are some of the mementoes we have

gathered from this most interesting adventure.

A number of the boys in our room have joined the Boy Scout organization this winter and have enjoyed their many meetings and hikes.

The "Good Citizens' Club" has functioned nicely and the children have enjoyed planning their activities, especially ways and means of raising money for the year's expenses.

We shall miss this Eighth Grade next year but we hope they will bring added interest and a good spirit to their High School work.



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

"Cooperation means so to conduct yourself that others can work with you."

This thought, expressed by Lucien E. Wilson, typifies the spirit with which many of these boys and girls throughout the school year have endeavored to promote happiness and attain success.

Their predominating characteristics were expressed chiefly by their frank, open manner and fine sense of integrity. Nineteen children were awarded the certificate of honor for excellent conduct during the term. A large framed record was kept of the following:

Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Commendable Progress and Excellent Conduct.

This proved to be an incentive for improvement as each child, who qualified, was privileged to sign his or her own name below the proper heading or headings.

It was a pleasure to read most of their

book reviews and many reports were prepared. An unusual interest was taken in the reading of library books. The Rose Rudin Roosa Memorial fund provided seven new books as well as many valuable work sheets and tests which were prepared with the aid of the Ditto machine.

Programs, which furnished an enjoyable activity, were presented to celebrate Christmas and also Arbor Day. The Christmas playlet was impressive and was given to teach the children His desire for world peace and the need for brotherhood of man.

Illustrating favorite poems and stories and constructing various types of posters and maps provided handiwork with results that were often interesting and commendable.

Children, who moved to other localities during the term were: Margaret Spohn, Annabell Miller, Betty Smith and Carlton Craft.

Charles Benner and Joseph Mellein enrolled during November. There were forty-five children on the roll during the term of 1933-34.



FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

In September nine little boys and three little girls entered school for the first time. Some came eagerly while others were a bit fearful. They were soon working and playing together happily.

These children read the Beacon Chart and were then the proud possessors of their first reading books, "The Beacon Gate to Reading." They have since read six more books.

At the beginning of the second semester they learned the alphabet and spelling was added to their list of studies.

In the second grade there were seven boys and ten girls making a total of twenty-nine children in the school. The second grade pupils also have been faithful workers and have shown a fine spirit of cooperation.

They have enjoyed the new library books which were given to the school through the Rose Rudin Roosa Memorial fund.

The reading of "My Weekly Reader" a little school newspaper has created much interest in current events.

This class has made several booklets in connection with their English work.

Both classes have derived much benefit

from the material obtained at the County Superintendent's office.

From the second grade came fifteen boys and girls to enter the third grade. They were an industrious group. Besides their regular lessons which consists of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Spelling and English, they have made many booklets and posters.

Jack Peebles joined the class in April, making a total of sixteen children in the third grade.

In September there were eighteen boys and girls in the fourth grade. Ernest Bishop and Elver Smith left for other schools within the year. This class has the same subjects as the third grade excepting that Geography is added. This group of children is especially good in art work.

Fifteen new books were added to the library through the Rose Rudin Roosa Memorial fund. They are very interesting and were much appreciated.

That the children in both classes are above average in their school work is shown by the number who have been on the Honor Roll each six weeks.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of Townsend High School, being in as sound a mental condition as the past four years will permit, do hereby bequeath and grant:

To Mr. Taylor, the Seniors thanks for the direction of the Senior play and for the advice and guidance he has given us in the past four years.

To Mr. Slack, the Seniors sincere appreciation of the cooperation he has given us at all times.

To Miss Fry, the hope that future Senior classes will give her as little trouble as the class of '34.

To the Juniors, permission to be privileged, dignified Seniors next year.

To the Eighth Grade, the hope that they may perchance, become Freshmen.

To Earl Meinen, Ira's height.

To Helen Hedrick, Crystal's gift of humor.

To James Currier, Curtiss' mischievousness.

To Lane Knoll, Mayme's studiousness.

To Franklin Sherwood, Irene's Pepsodent smile.

To George Stacey, George Sherwood's quietness.

To Junior Knoll, Paul W.'s habit of getting to school at 9:30.

To Jane Dippel, Curtiss' laugh.

To Bernard Bly, Joe's love of athletics.

To Roy Pheifer, Norma's golden hair.

To Lloyd Westby, Jeanne's love for Latin.

To Lura Kocher, Martha's preference for tall men.

To Merrick Silcox, Carrie's executive ability.

To Everett Patrick, Raymond's "Ford."

To Hazel Force, Paul Plue's stature.

To Mabel Lehnert, Marguerite's dark, wavy hair.

To Mr. Slack (at his request), Marvin's spotlight.

To Anyone who can get it, Paul W.'s tire cover.

To Junior Knoll, the Senior girls' appreciation of the many packages of gum.

In testimony thereof, we hereunto set our hands and seal to this, our last Will and Testament at Collins, Ohio, this twenty-fifth day of May, 1934.

Signed: THE SENIOR CLASS.

WITNESSES:

Mr. Clinton C. Taylor,

Mr. J. Cline Slack,

Miss Dorothy L. Fry.

THE JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM

We've ordered the moon, the stars,
An orchestra, too.
It's a gala occasion
Friend Senior, for you.

THE JUNIORS.

One of the loveliest social events ever to take place in Townsend High School was the Junior-Senior Prom, on the evening of May 5, in the Community Hall, given by the Juniors in honor of the Seniors. The hall was

prettily decorated in the Senior class colors, blue and silver. In one end of the hall, card tables were daintily decorated. Late in the evening luncheon was served by the Sophomore girls. After lunch, toasts were given by Miss Marjorie Bedford, of the Junior class and Miss Mayme Elmer, president of the Senior class. Toasts were also given by Supt. C. C. Taylor and Mr. J. C. Slack.

Dancing was then resumed. The music was furnished by the Rhythm Kings of Norwalk.



BASKETBALL SQUAD

The Basketball teams have shown a fine spirit of cooperation and interest this year. Their very able coach, Mr. Slack, has proven this, as they have made an excellent showing in all the games played in the 1933-34 season under his coaching.

The team will lose seven of its squad, namely: Marvin Terpening, Curtiss Lucal, Ira Jump, Raymond Pheifer, Paul Weisenberger, Paul Plue, and Joseph Landoll.

This year's second team was composed of John Wright, Merrick Silcox, George Stacey, Vernal Weisenberger, Richard and Weiler McDonald, Junior and Lane Knoll, Merrick Rowland, Bernard Bly, Lloyd Westby, Everett Patrick, Roy Pheifer and Jim Currier. The team showed a fighting spirit and should develop into future stars.

VARSITY SCORING

	GOALS	THROWS	POINTS
Jump (F)	50	17	117
Landoll (G)	44	20	108
Pierce (C)	29	2	60
P. Weisenberger (F)	22	16	60
Pheifer (C)	9	6	24
Grimmer (G)	6	9	21
Lucal (G)	7	6	20
Plue (G)	4	1	9
Terpening (F)	2	2	6
V. Weisenberger (F)	0	1	1
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	173	80	426
Opponents			554



BASEBALL TEAM

First Row

Left to Right: Curtiss Lucal, Marvin Terpening, Ira Jump, Raymond Pheifer, Paul Weisenberger, Paul Plue, William Contry, Lane Knoll.

Second Row

Left to Right: Junior Knoll, Everett Patrick, Roy Pheifer, George Sherwood, Richard Conry, Joe Landoll and Coach Taylor.

Our baseball squad this season consists of fourteen players under Coach C. C. Taylor. Regardless of the fact that they have had little practice this year, they have done their best and have shown a fine spirit in team work.

Our pitchers, Curtiss Lucal, Paul Weisenberger and Raymond Pheifer have made a fine showing and have proven themselves very efficient. The school as a whole will be very sorry to lose them.

ATHLETIC BANQUET

The second annual Athletic Banquet was held on Friday, May 11, for all boys and girls who participated in any way in athletics.

Those boys who played at least half the quarters in the game of the season and whose spirits were those of real sportsmen, received

their rightly due awards.

The first team awards were given to Joseph Landoll, Ira Jump, Paul Weisenberger, Curtiss Lucal and Raymond Pheifer.

The second team awards were given to Donald Grimmer, Paul Plue and Marvin Terpening.

VARSITY SCHEDULE

Nov. 17—Townsend 16.	North Fairfield 19
Nov. 24—Townsend 19.	Berlin Heights 25
Dec. 1—Townsend 16.	Monroeville 21
Dec. 8—Townsend 19.	Wakeman 18
Dec. 9—Townsend 11.	Huron 28
Dec. 16—Townsend 50.	St. Mary's (L) 26
Dec. 21—Townsend 13.	St. Paul's (N) 32
Dec. 22—Townsend 11.	Birmingham 10
Jan. 11—Townsend 19.	Greenwich 27
Jan. 16—Townsend 16.	Wakeman 32
Jan. 26—Townsend 9.	York 31
Jan. 27—Townsend 26.	Milan 50
Feb. 2—Townsend 18.	St. Mary's (s) 59
Feb. 7—Townsend 19.	North Fairfield 45
Feb. 10—Townsend 55.	St. Mary's (L) 8
Feb. 16—Townsend 33.	Birmingham 21
Feb. 17—Townsend 25.	York 34
Feb. 24—Townsend 19.	Greenwich 32
Townsend 35.	Alumni 36

RESERVES' SCHEDULE

Nov. 17—Townsend 14.	North Fairfield 13
Nov. 24—Townsend 3.	Berlin Heights 15
Dec. 1—Townsend 17.	Monroeville 31
Dec. 8—Townsend 20.	Wakeman 22
Dec. 9—Townsend 9.	Huron 14
Dec. 16—Townsend 18.	St. Mary's (L) 11
Dec. 21—Townsend 5.	St. Paul's (N) 18
Dec. 22—Townsend 13.	Birmingham 10
Jan. 11—Townsend 10.	North Fairfield 17
Jan. 16—Townsend 13.	Greenwich 34
Jan. 26—Townsend 15.	Wakeman 24
Jan. 27—Townsend 9.	York 30
Feb. 2—Townsend 11.	Milan 29
Feb. 7—Townsend 6.	St. Mary's (s) 31
Feb. 10—Townsend 20.	St. Mary's (L) 14
Feb. 16—Townsend 10.	Birmingham 13
Feb. 17—Townsend 21.	York 41

PROGRAM

TOWNSEND HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, May 25, 1934

Forty-Fifth Annual Commencement

M. E. Church

Proeessional.

Invocation Rev. O. H. Ashburn

Music

Class Address Hon. Judge Irving Carpenter
MusicPresentation of Diplomas E. C. Hurst
President of Board of Education

Benediction Rev. O. H. Ashburn

"ROSE RUDIN ROOSA MEMORIAL"

The Rose Rudin Roosa Memorial which was established in the spring of 1932 in honor of the late Rose Rudin Roosa, by her husband, Mr. Howard Roosa of Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the benefit of the pupils of Townsend Schools, has this year made several valuable gifts to our school which will be of much value to future as well as to the present school program. One hundred dollars was expended this year by the Memorial Committee in the manner suggested by the following paragraphs.

Fifty supplementary readers were added to the libraries of the elementary grades. All of these books were chosen from a select list offered by County Supt. of Schools, Mr. E. A. Bell. The High School Library was the recipient of thirty-four additional books from the library of Mr. Roosa. At the close of school, a number of badly worn reference books will be rebound, the cost of which will be cared for by the Memorial fund.

A "Ditto" duplicating machine was purchased at a cost of thirty-five dollars. This machine is used for printing school programs, lesson outlines, testing material, etc.; and has been extensively used by teachers and students.

An annual feature of the Memorial is to sponsor an oratorical and reading contest; the Memorial offering cash prizes to the winners of each contest. The contest was held this year on April 11, in the Townsend M. E. Church. (For details, see other page).

The school and community alike are very grateful to Mr. Howard Roosa of Albuquerque, N. M., and to Mr. Fritz Rudin of Elyria, Ohio for the many considerate and helpful things they are causing to be done for our school and in the honor of the late Rose Rudin Roosa, Class of '99.

"Rose Rudin Roosa Oratorical Contest" Won by Mamye Elmer



The second annual "Rose Rudin Roosa Oratorical Contest" was held at the Townsend M. E. Church, April 11.

Mayme Elmer, a senior, deserves much credit for winning first place in this contest. Her oration "What Is To Be Done?" was well written and delivered.

Having won the local contest Mayme represented the school in the County Contest held April 13, in the Townsend M. E. Church. In this contest Mayme won third place.

John Wright, the other participant in the local contest is to be congratulated on his oration, "Nazism."

Mabel Lehnert Wins "Rose Rudin Roosa" Reading Contest

The second annual "Rose Rudin Roosa Reading Contest," was held in conjunction with the Oratorical Contest.

Mabel Lehnert, a Sophomore, won first place in this contest. Her reading, "School Days," was well delivered.

Mabel represented the school in the County Contest and won third place.

Other contestants in the local contest were, Norma Lehnert, who won second place, Elva Sherwood, who placed third, and Evelyn Smith. Each of these readers deserve much credit for their excellent work.



John Wright Wins "Prince of Peace" Declamation Contest



The fourth annual "Prince of Peace" Declamation Contest was held November 3rd at the Townsend M. E. Church.

John Wright, a Sophomore, won first place by the splendid interpretation of "Mars or God."

John represented the school in the County Contest held at North Fairfield, although he did not place in this contest, he is to be highly commended for his excellent work.

Other speakers in the local contest were Sherman Hyde, who won second, Mabel Lehnert who received third, Elva Sherwood, Dean Pierce and Everett Patrick. All of them are to be praised on their excellent work.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The Senior Class of 1934 presented to the public on the night of the fourth of May, a three act play entitled, "Why Shouldn't I?" by Lindsey Barbee, which proved to be a great success.

The old Parr home comes into the possession of Penelope Hamilton, as a legacy from a great aunt, and together with family and friends, she spends the Christmas season in her new domicile which has been modernized to some extent. At the same time, Gordan Hale, a descendent of Lord Armitage, takes up his residence in the old Armitage house, and with his guest, Stephen Sheridan, and his secretary becomes a factor in the Hamilton household. Gordon encountered mysterious happenings and an unexpected attack upon his servant and strange noises from his cellar.

The strange noises and the mysterious attacks prove to be the work of smugglers, and the capture of the gang is due to the cleverness of a certain young woman who claims to be an amateur in the work. To add to the excitement of the occasion, pretty Regina discovers the secret passage; while Cornelia's invented lover and Cecily's eliminated husband helps to heighten the comedy and to increase the complications.

The characters were as follows:

Penelope (Who has inherited the house)—

Mayme Elmer.

Cornelia Hamilton (Who invents a lover)—Crystal Kuhlman.

Rosamond Lee (Who writes for everyday people)—Carrie Nielsen.

Mrs. Hamilton (Who is the real head of the family)—Jeanne Bellamy.

Katrina (Who complicates everything)—Marguerite Shipley.

Peter Hamilton (The son of the house)—Paul Weisenberger.

Cecelia (Who handles the truth lightly)—Norma Lehnert.

Ted Smith (Who has greatness thrust upon him)—Paul Plue.

Regina Randolph (Who makes a mysterious entrance)—Martha Myers.

Gerald Jerome (Who acts as chauffeur)—Ira Jump.

Theodore Smith (Who is an unwilling victim)—George Sherwood.

Gordon Hale (Who inherits the house next door)—Joseph Landoll.

John Hamilton (Who is pater familias)—Curtiss Lucal.

Stephen Sheridan (Who writes for the intelligentsia)—Marvin Terpening.

Horace Haverhill (Who sniffs)—Raymond Pheifer.

Alison Page (Who has a particular mission)—Irene Pheifer.

JUNIOR PLAY

The Junior Class Play, "Moon Shy", by Helen Monsell, was presented Friday, May 19, 1934, at the Town Hall. It was a clever comedy which took place at a summer cottage by the sea. It's a summer night, a moonlight night, and a group of happy, vivacious girls are having a house party. They are all craving masculine society but not a single man can be found. Then Paul, brother of one of the girls, arrives on the scene with a friend, E. Mortimer Perkins, who is shyer

than shy. He refuses even to enter the house where the girls are and when they learn he is outside in the car they decide to effect a cure. At about the same time, Duke, the boy friend of Maggie, the cook, arrives to make both a social and business call. He is mistaken by the girls for Mortimer which helps a lot, for Duke is after a famous string of emeralds belonging to one of the girls. There are many exciting events, one complication

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A SHORT STORY

Peter began to recognize familiar buildings and remembered trees in the ever more slowly moving picture in the train window. In one instant, he saw the bakery and the glass factory he had inspected with his father; in another, he saw the tree where pears hung red in the fall, now with new leaves and buds. In the sky and the earth he could see and feel, even from his remote seat in the Pullman, the strange pulsing life of early spring that he had not known in this place since he was eight.

For years he had forgotten this blue and green magic of fragrant light, and now with the first sight of buildings and trees stripped of white snow garments in which he saw them during Christmas vacations, he remembered and felt more intensely the old delight in the awakening year. Closing his eyes and pushing his hands into the edge of the seat, he stretched his body and pressed it to the green plush which broke away from his arm like the hair on a fur that is folded to be stored away. He could feel the inevitable rhythm of the train's movement in his hands and along his spine, and he felt it lagging as the train neared the station.

He took from his pocket a folded telegram and read: "Charles Hall is dying. Please send Peter home at once. Wire train time." Lady had sent it, he knew, but the name at the end of the telegram, "Audrey Hall," seemed so strange to him that he could not feel it as his mother's, and he was afraid of the differences he would find in her.

The train jerked suddenly and stopped. Peter threw on his coat and belted it tightly. A broad colored face grinned above him and strong black hands picked up his bag and took it from the coach before him. He walked down the aisle and jumped onto the platform. With the first breath of wind he was intoxicated, and he moved slowly but with great joy to his mother, whom he saw standing very tall and very quiet before him. Stretching to throw his arms about her neck, Peter said breathlessly, "Lady!" and was answered by a strange look in her eyes as she said "Son!" He did not hear the whispers around

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him—"the Author's son"—, "from school" "No only twelve, I believe," nor did he know that eyes were watching him with pity. He turned and walked with his mother to the little car she drove. As he rode silently beside her down the road past the old church, into the country, he rediscovered each foot of the way in its new and fascinating freshness, revealed to him in lights and colors and smells entirely different from old associations. The car turned down the lane, and when he saw the willows hanging faint, green buds overhead, he wondered if they had ever really been like this before, or if he had only been too young to see. He turned to his mother but he could not speak, and slipped his hand into the tight space between her arms and her body. As she breathed, he could feel the gentle rise and fall of her breast, and in infinite childish tenderness he loved and pitied her.

Peter walked into the Author's bedroom. As he sat down at the foot of the bed, his father smiled at him. Then he said, "Charles, what is terrible about dying?" "Peter," said the author, "death is not terrible. Only the fear of it is terrible and you are not afraid and I am not. Death is a sleep and a long remembering, a joining of the universal mind with the mind of the ages. Little son, do you understand?"

Peter stood beside his mother on the little hill as the cars moved in a winding thread bringing the Author's friends to the place they were leaving him. The droning of the motors was in quiet harmony with the breathless hush of the April afternoon, but Peter felt a rising antagonism against the people who were coming and a strong desire to run away. Standing very still, he could hear a cardinal singing from the wood, and through his shoes his feet could feel the stirring in the green earth. It disturbed and thrilled him with the intense life of the whole world, yet the people who were coming were impressed and disturbed by death. "How strange," he thought, "if they knew what father said to me they would not understand, yet they are old and wise. He is not so dead as they are, but they do not know."

A clergyman began to speak in pathetically monotonous undertones, trying with concern and affectation to strike a note of simplicity that would lend

inevitableness to his words. He spoke at length of the Author's influence and farsightedness, of his vigor and youth. While he was speaking, Peter looked at his mother's face and saw that her mind was leaping ahead of the clergyman's words. He felt strangely that her love was winging a bright circle to meet the love that was not dead, and he knew that she was not partaking of this sterile grief. As the people all bowed their heads and the clergyman stopped speaking, Peter stretched his hand to touch hers, then withdrew it quickly and, turning silently, while no one watched, he ran down the hill and behind the cars. He neared the little wood, and the sounds and smells came from within it, rushing through him in a mad, ecstatic tumult. He ran noiselessly until he was at last exhausted, then dropped to the ground upon his face. Stretching his arms far over his head, he pressed his face and his body into the grass, to feel and listen.

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Kuhlman, Crystal	Plue, Paul
Landoll, Joseph	Sherwood, George
Lehnert, Norma	Shipley, Marguerite
Lucal, Curtiss	Terpening, Marvin
Myers, Martha	Weisenberger, Paul

JUNIORS

Bedford, Marjorie	Pierce, Dean
Hull, Charles	Swabley, Evelyn
Knoll, Stella	Swabley, Evalett
Mesenberg, George	Wright, Katherine

SOPHOMORES

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Currier, James	Sherwood, Elva
Grimmer, Donald	Silcox, Merrick
Hicks, Fern	Smith, Evelyn
Hill, Alvin	Smith, Ina
Lehnert, Mabel	Stacey, George
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Nichols, Ethel	

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Arnold, Edith
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 Luca, Henry
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Nichols, Ruth
 Plue, Wilson
 Palmer, Robert
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Arnold, Alfred
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 Conry, James
 Conry, Thomas
 Cummings, Jim
 Finlay, Burton
 Flew, Arthur
 Hull, Ida Jeanne
 Jarrett, Jim
 Jump, Louise
 Kaczor, Frank

Kuhlman, Walter
 Kettel, Harold
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Camp, Charles	Slack, James
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Miller, Irene
Nichols, Harold
Phillips, William
Ross, Jean
Smith, Harlow

Flew, John
Koch, Ruth
Linden, Clara
Meinen, Laura
Suchy, Howard
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Wright, Donald

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Fugel, William
Kaczor, George

Lawrence, Walter Jr.
Lutts, Lyndon
Opfer, Kathleen
Patrick, Stanley
Pheifer, Leonard
Shipley, Charles

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quick work of the sectional policeman, Raymond Pheifer, the money would not have been recovered.

Having nothing else to do the remaining part of the day, I decided to visit my favorite beauty shop and later stop into the new city library.

I learned that the shop was now under new management. The shop itself was re-decorated in the newest creation. There also was a new staff. At the head of the staff was none other than—guess—Irene Pheifer. After congratulations, etc., we decided to visit the library together.

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and who, who do you think was the first to greet us? Martha Myers. Yes, she was the head librarian and she liked it. She showed us around the building and answered our many questions. We asked her what book she had the most demand for. She said a book called "How I Made the Big League," written by Joe Landoll which hadn't remained on the shelf longer than a day at a time and they now had four copies of this book. It sounded so interesting (especially when written by Joe) that I reserved right on the next copy coming in.

While there I learned the address of Mayme Elmer. Martha wouldn't tell me what Mayme was doing these days so I took the liberty of calling at her office, to find that she was a lawyer. Well, Mayme always did like to have her own way.

I induced her to spend her week's vacation with me on a boat trip. We looked over the boat schedules and found that our only choice was leaving in one hour. We gathered a few things together and reached the docks just in time to board the boat "Townsend '34". We had no tickets and they had no passage for the two of us. This demanded the attention of the captain so he was summoned. What! No! It can't be! But it is! It is George Sherwood. It didn't take him long to find a comfortable stateroom for us. With a promise to see us later, he left to adjust our belongings.

Boom! Boom! Had the ship exploded? Yes, it must have because I could feel the damp mist on my face. I must be drowning.

Suddenly I heard a familiar voice say, "You'd better bring in the hammock before it gets wet. It's been raining for quite a while." Fully realizing then that I had been dreaming all these strange happenings, I rose, grasped the hammock and rushed into the house to relate my story to the family and to tell them what a successful traveling journalist I had been.

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piling on top of another, with plenty of romance and comedy interwoven. Things happen so fast that Mortimer forgets his shyness and emerges the hero of the day.

The characters were well selected by our very able director, Miss Dorothy Fry.

The cast follows:

Margaret (a young business woman on vacation)—Catherine Wright.
Lore Lee (her best chum)—Marjorie Bedford.
Esmerelda (Who says she is a man-hater)—Stella Knoll.

The Twins—Nancy, Ann (also members of the house party)—Evalett and Evelyn Swabley.

Paul (Just a man!)—George Stacey.

Maggie, the maid—Mildred Pheifer.

Duke (her burglar beau)—Charles Hull.

E. Mortimer Perkins (goodness, how shy!)—George Mesenber.

Dramatic Club Presents "Here Comes Charlie"

The members of the Dramatic Club of Townsend High School entertained the public with a farce-comedy, "Here Comes Charlie" at the Town Hall, November 29.

Can you imagine how two Hill Billies would act when they found themselves thrust into the midst of society folks? Well, that is just what happened.

The cast follows:

Nora Malone, cook at the Eliot home.....	Mayme Elmer
Officer Tim McGrill, Nora's sweetheart.....	Marvin Terpening
Mrs. Fanny Farnham, Larry's aunt by marriage..	Jeanne Bellamy
Larry Eliot, a young business man....	Dean Pierce
Ted Hartley, his old time college pal.....	Paul Weisenberger
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

11—The old school bell rang long and loud to call us back to study and school activity once more. There was an enrollment of 62 in High School and 152 in the grades.

12—Mayme Elmer is elector Editor-in- Chief and Marjorie Bedford and Dean Pierce her assistants. Each class elected its officers and the first meeting of the Athletic Association was held.

OCTOBER

27—Students enjoy a rest. No school. Teachers' Convention. Everyone has a whoopee time at the annual Optimist held at the community hall.

NOVEMBER

3—The Prince of Peace Declamation Contest is held at the local church. John Wright wins first prize.

17—Basketball season starts with a game with North Fairfield.

29—The play "Here Comes Charlie" is presented at the town hall with a good attendance.

30-31—No school. Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER

5—Mr. Bateham takes the school group pictures.

8—Mr. Slack teaches us some songs to be used at the basketball games. We also have a pep meeting.

9—The Seniors have their pictures taken for the annual.

22—The program in Memoriam of Mrs. Rose Rudin Roosa is given. School dismissed for vacation.

JANUARY

2—School is resumed after a much enjoyed and needed rest.

7—Since our basketball hall is being repaired, games scheduled for this month are postponed.

18-19—Semester exams are here again to bother us.

21—The second semester begins.

29—Grade cards, bearing not only six weeks' grades, but also semester grades are handed out.

FEBRUARY

22—Mr. Emslie Thomas gives a most interesting talk on the formation of rocks.

23—A very informative talk was given by Mr. Bolton on the "Civil War."

MARCH

2—The physics class leads the chapel exercises with examples of magnetism.

30—Junior class rings arrive.

Mr. B. B. Thomas gives us a very interesting talk on Ohio History.

31—Inter-class Basketball tournament. Senior class wins.

APRIL

7—Several take the scholastic tests at Norwalk.

11—The Rose Rudin Roosa Oratorical Contest is held. Mayme Elmer wins first in oratory and Mable Lehnert, first in reading.

13—The county contest is held in the local church. Both of our representatives placed third.

16—Mr. Slack is ill. Mrs. Slack substitutes for him.

MAY

4—The Seniors present the play, "Why Shouldn't I?"

5—The Junior-Senior Prom is a huge success.

11—The Athletic Banquet is held at the local church.

18—The Juniors present the play, "Moon Shy."

20—Baccalaureate services.

25—Commencement.

26—Alumni banquet.

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"Yes, dear; I hope so," was the reply.

"I wish papa could go, too," continued the little fellow.

"Well, and don't you think he will?" asked his mother.

"Oh, no," replied Freddie; "he could not leave his business!"

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Truth Stranger Than Fiction.

The novelist's small but valuable son had just been brought to judgment for telling a fib. His sobs having died away, he sat for a time in silent thought.

"Pa," said he, "how long will it be before I stop getting licked for tellin' lies an' begin to get paid for 'em, like you do?"

A minister meeting a neighbor boy who had just come out of a fight, with a fearful black eye, put his hand on the boy's head and said:

"My boy, it's wrong to fight, I pray you may never receive another black eye."

"That's all right," said the urchin, "you go home and pray over your own kid, I gave him two of them."

Ruth—"Mac, do you really love your wife?"

Mac—"I'll say I do. I love the ground she walks on."

Ruth—"Why do you love the ground she walks on?"

Mac—"Because her father owns it."

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John—"Bill, do you mind telling me what you earn each week?"

Bill—" \$200."

John—" \$200, that's quite a lot."

Bill—"Yes, I know, but I only get \$15 of it."

"Johnny," said a teacher in a physiology class, "Can you give a familiar example of the human body as it adapts itself to changed conditions?"

"Yes, 'sum," said Johnny, "my aunt gained fifty pounds in a year, and her skin never cracked."

"Where's your father, lad?" asked a traveler of a country boy.

"Why, he's down in the pasture thar with the hogs. You'll know pop, fer he's got a hat on," replied the chap.

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